

Appl. No. 10/715,803  
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### AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract at Paragraph [0041] as follows:

[0041] A self locking apparatus is disclosed having comprising: a housing[[:]], a load initiating element located within the housing[[:]], a spring located adjacent to the load initiating element[[:]] and configured to expand in compression against the housing in response to a compressive load, and a compression member slideably disposed within the housing and configured to compress the spring from a side opposite the load initiating element. The load initiating element, spring and compression member are slideable within the housing in a first axial direction and in a second opposite axial direction in response to an axial load on the load initiating element, and lockable within the housing in the second axial direction in response to an axial load on the compression member in the second axial direction, ; and wherein the load initiating element and spring are ~~slideable within the housing until the spring is loaded into a self locking mode. A self locking apparatus comprising: an outer tube, a cylindrical body, with a plurality of slotted surfaces forming a plurality of load transfer segments, and with a bottom annulus, the cylindrical body located within the outer tube, a spring located adjacent to the bottom annulus and configured to expand in compression against the load transfer segments; and the slotted cylindrical body and spring are slideable within the outer tube in the absence of the spring being loaded into a self locking mode. A self locking apparatus comprising: an inner tube, a cylindrical body, with a plurality of slotted surfaces forming a plurality of load transfer segments, and with a bottom annulus, the cylindrical body located adjacent to an inner tube, a spring located adjacent to the bottom annulus and configured to expand in compression against the load transfer segments; and the inner tube is slideable with respect to the slotted cylindrical body and spring in the absence of the spring being loaded into a self locking mode.~~